

RemarksA. Period For Reply

A shortened statutory period was set to expire one month from the Office Action of September 20, 2004. This Amendment and Remarks is being filed on or before October 20, 2004.

B. Status

The Office Action was an election/restrictions requirement.

C. Disposition Of Claims

Claims 1-9 and 18-20 are pending. Claims 10-17 and 21-23 have been withdrawn pursuant to the restriction requirement.

D. Application Papers

Approval of the formal drawings at the appropriate time would be appreciated.

E. Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

As to domestic priority, this case claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Number 60/423,436 filed November 4, 2002. Acknowledgement of this claim for domestic priority with the first Office Action would be appreciated.

F. Attachments

Applicant filed one PTO-1449 form with the filing of this case on November 3, 2003. Consideration of the art listed on such form and return of the form with the first Office Action would be appreciated.

G. Basis for amendments to the claims and basis for any new claims

No claims have been amended. No new claims have been presented.

H. The Office Action

The Office Action is requiring applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

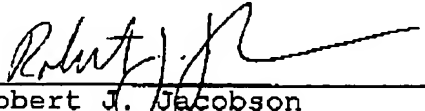
Applicant hereby elects with traverse the species of the Figure 3 (i.e., Figures 3A and 3B) embodiment. The claims that are readable on such species are claims 1-9 and 18-20.

I. Summary

Examination of claims 1-9 and 18-20 would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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